

MINUTES OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 28, 2014

On the 28th day of July, 2014, there was a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner' Court in the Courthouse, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, with the following members present: Jack Chaney, Commissioner, Precinct 1; Leslie "Bubba" Casterline, Commissioner, Precinct 2; Betty Stiles, Commissioner, Precinct 4; and Peggy L. Friebele, County Clerk.

Other County Officers present were Lezlie Kirk, County Auditor; Alma Cartwright, County Treasurer; David Vyoral, Road Administrator; Richard Bianchi, County Attorney; Pat Rousseau, HR Director; Pam Heard, District Clerk; Collin Jackson, IT Director; John Strothman, Project Manager; Jerry Brundrett, County Surveyor; David Reid, Drainage Engineer; James Jackson, Director of Environmental Health; and David Vyoral, Road Administrator.

Mayor C. J. Wax and 911/Dispatch Coordinator Lee Zapata were also present.

The Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. at which time a quorum was declared by County Judge Mills, WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were had and done to wit:

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2014 and the Special Meeting of July 21, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

PROCLAMATION - LITTLE LEAGUE JUNIOR GIRLS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve Proclamation #207-2014 congratulating and recognizing the Rockport-Fulton Little League Junior Girls for their win in the State Tournament held July 22, 2014, and offering local support as they play in the Regional Tournament in New Mexico.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proclamation inserted)

AQUARIUM AT ROCKPORT HARBOR - SECOND QUARTER REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor second quarter 2014 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

MARITIME MUSEUM - SECOND QUARTER REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Texas Maritime Museum second quarter 2014 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

ROCKPORT CENTER FOR THE ARTS - SECOND QUARTER REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve the Rockport Center for the Arts second quarter 2014 hotel occupancy tax funds expended.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

DEBRIS REMOVAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve bids for disaster debris removal, reduction disposal and other emergency services and award bid to Crowder Gulf.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Bids inserted)

LEASE AGREEMENT - COASTAL PLAINS COMMUNITY MHMR

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve request of Coastal Plains Community MHMR Center for extension of their lease #L2000-021 with Aransas County and authorize County Judge to sign lease contract amendment.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

ENGINEERING SERVICES - SEWER GRANT IMPROVEMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by

Commissioner Chaney to approve and authorize County Judge to sign a contract for engineering services with Urban Engineering for the Doughty and Kossuth area sanitary sewer grant improvements (TX CDBG Contract No. 713055).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

ROAD & BRIDGE ADMINISTRATOR - PURCHASE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve request of Road and Bridge Administrator to purchase two (2) dump trucks and one (1) semi-cab from new revenues.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Request inserted)

BIDS - TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize IT Department to re-advertise and seek requests for proposals (RFPs) for a new unified communications platform (telephone system) for Aransas County and establish a time line for implementation.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Proposal inserted)

POSTAGE MACHINE

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to authorize County Judge to enter into and sign a contract with Neopost for postage machine leased equipment and services subject to County Attorney approving a final contract based on all the proposal terms.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Contract inserted)

SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE - EMPLOYEE PAID

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve proposal to change and/or replace providers for supplemental insurance that is 100% employee paid.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

INVESTMENT BROKER/DEALER

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to authorize County Treasurer to execute bond proceeds certification, or any other such certifications, to Coastal Securities, Inc. And to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, as well as to any other investment broker/dealer that pertains to the municipal advisory of investments of bond proceeds and interest and sinking funds, per Securities Exchange Act, Section 15B, ruling change effective July 1, 2014.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

RECLASSIFICATION OF CLAIMS PROCESSING SPECIALIST

Motion was made by Commissioner Stiles and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve request of County Treasurer for the reclassification of Claims Processing Specialist to Supervisor/Claims Specialist, new job description, and reassignment of pay grade with no change in current hourly rate.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Job description inserted)

CONTRACT - EMS SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to authorize County Judge to negotiate contract for EMS services with Allegiance and bring final contract back to Court for approval.

Question. Motion carried with Commissioner Chaney voting "no."

It is so ordered.

COUNTY TREASURER'S SECOND QUARTER 2014 INVESTMENT REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve County Treasurer's Second Quarter 2014 Investment Report.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

(Report inserted)

BUDGET LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

There were no budget line item transfers presented by the County Auditor.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve the accounts payable presented by County Auditor (Auditor Kirk clarified the remainder Tyler Technology invoice would not be paid until project is complete).

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS &  
DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEREIN NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

There were none.

REPORTS ABOUT ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

There were none.

PRESS QUESTIONS

There were no questions from the press.

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The Court entered into closed session at 10:01 a. m. as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss real estate negotiations, including Pathways Projects and stormwater management projects; and to discuss and review potential litigation issues and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2); and resumed Open Meeting at 10:11 a.m. with all members present, and further proceedings were had and done to wit:  
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DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Casterline to approve entering into and authorizing County Judge to sign a drainage easement with Malcolm F. Buckley and Jeannine R. Buckley.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

DRAINAGE EASEMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Chaney and seconded by Commissioner Stiles to approve entering into and authorizing County Judge to sign a drainage easement with Frank Sandoval and Angela C. Sandoval.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.

It is so ordered.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Casterline and seconded by Commissioner Chaney to approve entering into and authorizing County Judge to sign a drainage easement with Hird Family Partnership, LLC.

Question. Motion carried unanimously.  
It is so ordered.

2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

County Auditor Kirk presented the 2015 preliminary budget for discussion. Commissioner Chaney suggested the furniture budgeted for 2015 for the County Treasurer be purchased in the 2014 budget since very little of the budget had been spent thus far. Line item 120-409-570 Office Furniture and Equipment would be reduced to \$6,000.00 instead of \$8,000.00. Commissioner Chaney also recommended leaving the swimming pool allotment at \$45,000.00 and would ask for a quarterly report on their budget. The Navigation District had asked for \$35,000.00 from hotel/motel tax but no decision was made on this. Judge Mills stated \$130,500.00 should be included for EMS.

Ms. Kirk went over each fund explaining the amounts budgeted.

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No further business presenting, the Court adjourned on a motion made by Commissioner Casterline duly seconded by Commissioner Chaney.

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C. H. "Burt" MILLS, JR., COUNTY JUDGE

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PEGGY L. FRIEBELE, COUNTY CLERK &  
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT